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SBA PHILADELPHIA MED WEEK AWARD WINNERS HONORED

PHILADELPHIA – The 18th annual recognition of Philadelphia minority business enterprises, in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration's Minority Enterprise Development Week celebration will take place on Friday, October 3 at the Crystal Tea Room of the Lord and Taylor Building, 13th and Juniper Streets, 9th floor in Philadelphia.

Since 1983, the President has proclaimed a National MED Week observance to recognize minority small business excellence and honor those that support minority business development.

The Philadelphia District Office is pleased to announce that Vicki W. Lee, president of Old Philadelphia Associates, Inc. of West Chester has been selected as the Philadelphia District Office's Minority Small Business Person of the Year. John Milligan, Managing Principal of Milligan & Company, LLC has been named 8(a) Graduate Firm of the Year. These outstanding small business entrepreneurs have demonstrated leadership and determination to succeed through their hard work and commitment to excellence.

This year's event, which is open to the public, will be hosted by the Minority Business Enterprise Council of Philadelphia with an awards luncheon beginning at noon on October 3rd. The cost for this event is \$50.00.

The Minority Business Enterprise Council was established in 1980 to ensure that all businesses are afforded equal access and opportunity to compete for and secure contracts within the City of Philadelphia with particular emphasis on minority owned businesses. They also promote the economic development of minority businesses.

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All SBA programs are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

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